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Dear Sir:

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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- ☒ 33 Pages of text and 22 Sheet(s) of drawings ( ☒ formal ☐ informal) + 0 extra copies  
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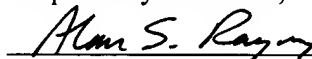
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